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LITTLE NISSE: clue number three . P8



MIKE DRAHOSH | ASKOV AMERICAN

Askov National Night Out a success

People of all ages attended the second annual NNO in Askov. Curious kids of all sizes took a close look at the Life Link III Air Transport or tried their hand at spraying the Askov Fire Department hoses. Other visitors included the Pine County Sheriffs Department and the Essentia Ambulance.

Looking forward to a more normal school year

ANDREW ALMOS
EAST CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENT

Your Future. Our Focus. These are the words we live by at East Central Schools. As the preparations for another school year come together the word “Refocus” should probably be included. During the pandemic student learning remained our top priority. Our staff worked tirelessly to meet the needs of our students in new and different ways. With that said, we believe the best place for students to learn is at school and we are very excited to make plans for a much more normal school year.

As we prepare to start school here are a few updates for our families and community.

Mask Requirements – Face coverings while at school will be optional for students and staff. Per the guidance we have received, masks are recommended for those not vaccinated. We will support families if they wish to have their child masked. At this time, all people are required by the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC) order to wear face coverings while in public transportation hubs and on all public transportation conveyances (airplanes, public buses, etc.), including school buses (both public and private).

COVID-19 Vaccinations - We will support students (12 and older, with parent permission) if they wish to get vaccinated. Proof of vaccination will not be required to attend school.

Distance Learning - We will provide distance learning for students in grades 7-12 for those that choose this option. Families interested in this option should contact the high school office.

Quarantine Requirements: We will be finalizing our quarantine practices based on the updated guidance as we get closer to school starting.

Critical Race Theory: The topic of Critical Race Theory (CRT) is receiving a lot of attention in the media these days. It is important our community knows, East

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Richardson accused of murdering ‘long-time family friend’

STAFF REPORT
NEWS@PINECOUNTYNEWS.COM

Jeremy Jones Richardson, 40, of Willow River has been charged with two counts of second degree murder and one count of felony first-degree burglary in the death of Curtis Chromulak of Finlayson – a man Richardson described as a long-time family friend.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Pine County Court, on Sunday, July 25 at approximately 1:31 p.m., deputies of the Pine County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to an address on Pine Lake Road in Finlayson after a caller reported that a male victim had been beaten up and wasn’t breathing.

When deputies arrived, they found the male victim – later identified as Chromulak –

deceased and lying face down on the floor of his residence. The victim had several pieces of a wooden object on his back, believed to be pieces of his own cane. He had wounds on the back and his head that appeared to be from a blunt object. There was blood spatter on the wall and blood on splinters of the wood pieces near the victim.

In the yard, deputies found pieces of a cell phone. A window in the attached garage was broken. Muddy shoe prints led from the broken window into the house.

The reporting party said he was a friend of Chromulak and noted that he lived alone and was suffering from several medical conditions. He said he was concerned when he had not heard from Chromulak for a few days and decided

to check on him, and found him deceased.

The friend said that Chromulak had been having problems with a man, later identified as Richardson. He said that Richardson often stayed at Chromulak’s house, but said that lately they had been fighting about an old snowmobile. The friend said that Chromulak told him that Richardson had slapped him when they were in a taxi, and that he was afraid of him.

According to police reports, on July 13 at approximately 2:34 p.m., deputies responded to a report of two occupants fighting in a taxi cab on State Highway 18 in Finlayson. The taxi driver reported that he picked up Richardson and Chromulak and was driving when Richardson started punching Chromulak.

Chromulak had blood on his face and arms, but would not provide a statement to law enforcement and stated he did not want Richardson charged with assault.

Law enforcement contacted numerous people connected to both men. On Sunday, July 25, a caller reported seeing Richardson pushing a red 4-wheeler down the street in Finlayson. Officers found Richardson working with another male to jump start the 4-wheeler. Richardson allegedly stated he had been drinking, and was arrested for violating a no use of alcohol condition.

Investigators noticed that Richardson’s right hand appeared swollen and he had a cut on the top of his right middle finger. Upon arrest, Richardson removed his

shoes, despite standing on a gravel road with no socks on his feet. He told investigators he wanted them to throw away his shoes before he was brought to jail because they were wet and smelled.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Crime Scene Team investigated the victim’s property. Blood droplets were found on the wall under the broken window in the garage. Blood was also located on the back of a riding lawn mower that was parked under the garage window. Blood was also located on the refrigerator door handle inside the house. Blood splatter was located on the ceiling, walls, and other items around Chromulak’s body

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West side of town on Hwy. 18

All FREE concerts (Freewill offering accepted)

AUG. 1 The Paul Family Bluegrass Band Trout Creek, MI	AUG. 15 The Harbinger's Quartet Mpls., MN
AUG. 8 The Klassen Family Worthington, MN	AUG. 22 The Benson Family Fairbault, MN
AUG. 29 Kenny Krona - Cambrige, MN	

We will be following updated guidelines for appropriate health & safety protocols provided by the MN Dept. of Health.

The children of Karen Johnson

are celebrating her

90TH BIRTHDAY

with an open house to be held

Sat., August 14th

from 2-5pm

at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

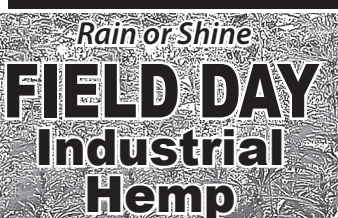
3422 Highway 23,
Askov MN.

We hope you will join us in celebrating Karen.

No gifts please.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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OBITUARIES

Curtis L. Chromulak

September 21, 1965 - July 25, 2021

Curtis Leo Chromulak age 55 of Finlayson, Minn. died unexpectedly on July 25, 2021.



He was preceded in death by his grand- parents Clella Maheu, Leo Guitar and Stephen & Margaret Chromulak of Pennsylvania, brother Stephen Chromulak II.

Curtis is survived by his mother Marilyn Pelz and father Stephen R. Chromulak; son Nathaniel Burndt-Chromulak, grandson Bradley Puchek and sister Tanya Van Reese.

Also survived by his uncles James Guitar and Gregory (Deb) Chromulak; aunt Teddi (Warren) Gieseke; nephews Jacob and Jeff VanReese; nieces Jo Beth Van Reese and Sarah Loveland; great-nieces Haley VanReese and Gabriella Johnson; great-nephews Hayden ,Brian and Tye VanReese; cousin Jeffrey Chromulak; former wife and dear friend Sheri Chromulak and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of Curtis's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday Aug 10 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home 311 S Ashland St. Cambridge 763-689-2244.

Friends may gather one hour prior to service at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be shared at www.carlson-lillemoen.com

Gene A. Krogh

March 27, 1940 - August 7, 2021

Gene Allen Krogh of Askov, Minn. died on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the Sandstone Health Care Center. He was 81 years old.



Gene was born on March 27, 1940 in Askov to Albert and Josephine (Sorensen) Krogh, second of seven children. He attended Askov High School, graduating with the class of 1958. He enlisted in the US Army in March of 1962 and served until March of 1965. On April 21, 1966 he was united in marriage to Patrice Lorentzen in Minneapolis, Minn. After living a short time in Minneapolis, they moved to Askov, where they

raised their two children.

Gene worked in bridge construction and also carpentry work with his Uncle Fred and brother Barry. In the early 70's Gene and brother Don leased the Standard Station in Askov naming it Krogh's Standard. Since that time Gene was a trucker owning, operating and maintaining his vehicles. He retired in 2004.

Gene was a volunteer of the Askov Fire Department and a member of the Askov American Legion. He enjoyed mechanics, reading, vehicle repair and body work resulting in his restoration of his 1955 Ford Victoria in 2008.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Josephine, his brothers Lee and Don, niece Linda Anderson and nephew Matthew Krogh.

Gene is survived by his wife of 55 years Pat; son Mike Krogh of Willow River, daughter Lori (Neil) Schanus of Cambridge; sisters, Barbara (Craig) Anderson of Cottage Grove and Edie (Rich) Pearson of Coon Rapids; brothers, Barry Krogh of Minneapolis and Bob (Colleen) Krogh of Sandstone; sisters in law Marilyn Krogh of Askov and Lynnette Krogh of Laguna Woods California; many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

A private service is being planned.

David M. Nelson

March 23, 1947 - December 29, 2020

A Celebration of Life for David Nelson will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 12 noon. The grill will be on and food served. Come eat, stay awhile and chat. This will be held at 4512 Main Street, Bruno, Minn. which was truly David's happy place. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the donor's choice.

Jerry Franko

November 26, 1938 - August 4, 2021

Jerry Franko, 82, peacefully passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at his home in Askov, Minn., in



the loving embrace of his daughters. He was born November 26, 1938, at his home in Clayton, Wisc., to William and Caroline (Dash) Franko. Jerry was raised on a dairy farm where he and his brothers and sisters worked on the family farm as well as helping many neighbors. Jerry attended school in Clayton and lettered in multiple sports. He especially liked baseball and always told us he could hit the ball into the

next county.

After graduating from high school in 1957, he worked odd jobs and took a road trip to California with his buddies. On May 14, 1958, he and his twin brother, Jim, enlisted in the Air Force. When joining the service they thought they would see the world but ended up an hour from home in Osceola for basic training. Eventually they did get to see parts of the country being stationed in Alaska, Texas, Mississippi and California. He received an honorable discharge from the Air Force on May 13, 1964.

While stationed at the Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, Jerry met Artie and they were united in marriage in Santa Maria CA on December 24, 1961. They moved to Askov in November of 1962 where they owned a dairy farm. Jerry worked several part time jobs in the beginning prior to the farm growing and becoming self-sufficient. He took great pride in caring for animals, his land, his family, friends and neighbors. His greatest joy was taking care of his family; his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We have many fond memories of all the times Pop created fun out of ordinary things. We had Sunday ball games, ice-skating rinks, and hooking up an old car hood to a tractor for an "enjoyable" ride; he even made working on the farm not so much work but family time with laughter and sweat. He enjoyed the changing seasons, fishing on the pontoon, bird watching, tinkering in his shop, cards, puzzles and ended up being quite the cook and baker learning all of Gram's recipes. His most requested dishes were apple pie and crisp which were a favorite treat for his grand kids.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Artie; his son, Ed; his granddaughter, Jazzy; his great grandson, Houston; and his brothers: Archie, William Junior, Lawrence and Albert.

Jerry is survived by four children: David (Tess) Franko, Julie Franko, Jennifer (Pat) Franko-Dynes and Kathy Franko; 10 grandchildren: DeJay Franko, Joshua (Jackie) Franko, Richie (Sam) Franko, Achille Franko, Jacob Franko, Kaidyn (Brittany) Franko, Amelia (Austyn) Franko, Dutch Franko-Dynes, Dakota Franko and Mackenzie Franko; 16 great grandchildren: Cesar, Jamison, Kylam, Terran, Taylor, Austin, Josalynn, Mason, Adrian, Arya, Tayden, Isaiah, William, Eliana, Jerry and Avery; siblings: Marty, Pete, Jean, Jim, Richie, Marian and Linda; and many relatives, friends, and neighbors.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, August 14, 2021, at the Church of Victory, Askov at Noon. A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until Noon. Military honors and a lunch in the church cafeteria will follow the services. Inurnment will be held at a later date in Park Hill Cemetery, Duluth. To sign the guestbook online, go to: www.hhkfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are with Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home, Moose Lake.

Riley J. Ludwig

October 16, 1992 - August 5, 2021

Riley James Ludwig, age 28, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

A funeral service will be held for Riley on Friday, August 13, 2021, at 12 p.m. at the Sandstone Evangelical Free Church in Sandstone, Minn., with Pastor Chris Cundiff officiating. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will take place at the Danforth Cemetery immediately following the service. A full obituary will follow next week.

Arrangements by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Sandstone, MN.

COMMUNITY

Rainwater helps garden produce flourish

don't mean to do a weekly review of the weather, but sometimes I can't help myself. I'm not sure what our two days of moisture should be called, a heavy mist, a light shower (I never saw drops except for what had to accumulate in order to slide off my roof.) When walking the dogs down our dirt road, you could see in my footprints that only the surface was lightly covered. I know something is better than nothing, so I sure hope we benefit from that moisture. I'm waiting to see if that "dewey moisture" on my face makes me look any younger (cough).

I have been catching bins of rain



Finlayson News
Maxine Meyer

water all this summer so when we did get moisture it was used to water our flowers and sometimes the vegetable garden. My bins were almost completely dry when the drizzle began last weekend. Fortunately the run-off from our roof refilled the tubs half way. That water has been magic to the vegetable plants and they are growing great this year. With cabbage, broccoli and zucchini coming in I threw together a homemade soup with some leftover meat scraps and it was great. It's too bad soup is most appreciated when the weather is cold. It sure is a nifty way to use those excessive producing veggies.

I have a correction I need to post, it was pointed out to me that in last week's column that I stated that cribbage was a \$5 entry fee. It turns out that is not correct, it happens to be \$2. So sorry for my mistake.

Speaking of cribbage, Gary came home from cribbage last week

with fresh corn on the cob that he bought from a fellow player. I never plant corn, so that was a real treat. We saved the husks and cobs and brought them out to the horses. Normally, my spoiled draft brothers, sniff, nibble, and often walk away. This year, with the fields scorched, the two rascals couldn't get the husks out of my hands fast enough. What a difference a drought makes.

Gary and I are wearing our masks pretty much everywhere these days. Even with a vaccination, the Delta variant of COVID-19 can be spread. Take the advice of the medical experts and don't risk your family's health. Wear masks, get vaccinated.

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OUT & ABOUT

AUGUST 17, 2021

Everyone's Table
Everyone's Table will be serving a free community meal at Grace Lutheran Church (338 Division Street) on Tuesday August 17 from 4:30-6:30. This will be an in person sit-down meal for those who have received their vaccination shot for the virus and we will continue to make curbside pick-up available for those who have not. Thank you for understanding our need to do this at this time.

We look forward to seeing you there. This will be the last community meal at Grace Lutheran and then we will begin serving from the John Wright building on September 7.

on Wednesday August 18th at noon for lunch. Individuals will discuss their recent research and plans for future research. Information will also be presented on gravestone cleaning.

LOOKING AHEAD

Grief Support
Two local volunteers from St Mary's/Essentia Grief Support, Julie Domogalla and Dennis Juhl will resume the monthly adult grief group. The group is for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. The group meets the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Essentia Sandstone. The group typically meets for 90 minutes.

Due to the pandemic, participants must wear a mask and practice physical distancing. No food or beverage can be consumed in the meeting. All are welcome.

AUGUST 18, 2021

Pine County Genealogical Society
The Pine County Genealogical Society will meet at the Pine County Historical Museum

Friends and family friendly foods



Food N' Friends
Mary Ellen Dewey

IF YOU have a favorite recipe you would like to share, send it to Mary Ellen at recipe@pinecountycourier.com. ENJOY!!

MERINGUE CRUST REFRIGERATOR CHOCOLATE PIE

- 2 egg whites
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 lb. Bakers Sweet German Chocolate
- 3 Tbsp. hot water
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. whipping cream, whipped

Beat egg whites until foamy. Then add salt, then cream of tartar. Beat until soft peaks. Add sugar gradually. Beat until very stiff. Fold in nuts and vanilla. Pour into lightly greased pie shell. Bake in slow oven, 300 degrees for an hour. Cool. Melt chocolate, then add the hot water and blend. Add vanilla. Fold in the whipped cream. Pour into meringue shells and refrigerate. Serves 8

FARMERS' MARKET CHOPPED SALAD

- Vinaigrette:
- 1/2 c. extra-virgin olive oil
 - 2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
 - 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
 - 1 tsp. honey
 - 1 garlic clove, pressed or very finely minced
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Salad:
- 4 c. salad greens such as romaine or Buttercrunch
 - Kernels cut from 1 ear cooked sweet corn, preferably roasted
 - 1 c. halved grape tomatoes
 - 1 c. small fresh strawberries, halved before measuring
 - 1/2 small cucumber, diced
 - 1 c. diced Genoa salami or other salami
 - 1/2 c. diced red, yellow, or orange bell peppers
 - 3/4 c. crumbled feta cheese
 - 4 green onions, sliced
 - 3/4 c. cooked chickpeas, rinsed and drained (optional)

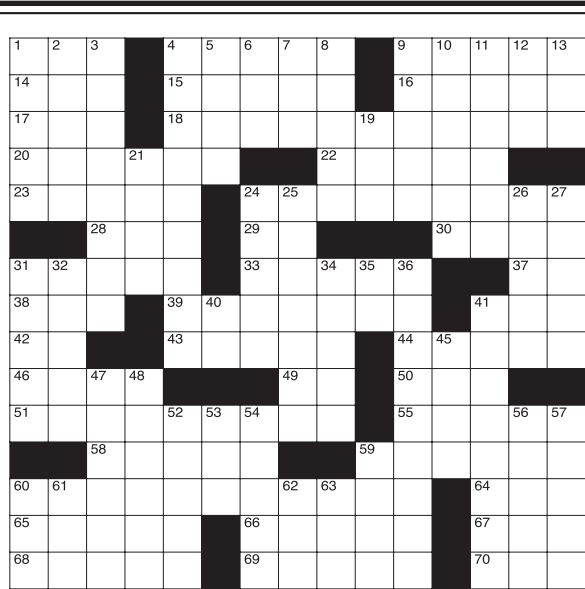
For the vinaigrette, combine the oil, vinegar, mustard, honey and garlic in a small jar. Cover tightly and shake well to blend. Season with salt and pepper. Spread the salad greens in a wide serving plate/bowl. Arrange the corn, tomatoes, chickpeas, strawberries, cucumber, salami, and peppers in separate wedges around the edge, in the order listed. Mound the feta cheese in the center. Sprinkle the onions over the entire salad. Immediately before serving, shake the vinaigrette again and drizzle over the salad. Toss gently with salad tongs. Serve immediately. Can substitute local blueberries or raspberries and serve with a good crusty bread. Makes 6 servings.



FAVORITE CHICKEN POTPIE

- 2 c. diced peeled potatoes
- 1-3/4 c. sliced carrots
- 1 c. butter, cubed
- 2/3 c. chopped onion
- 1 c. all-purpose flour
- 1-3/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 3/4 tsp. pepper
- 3 c. chicken broth
- 1-1/2 c. whole milk
- 4 c. cubed cooked chicken
- 1 c. frozen peas
- 1 c. frozen corn
- 4 sheets refrigerated pie crusts (or make your own)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place potatoes and carrots in a large saucepan; add water to cover; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cook covered, 8-10 minutes or until vegetables are crisp tender; drain. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir until tender. Stir in flour and seasonings until blended. Gradually stir in broth and milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in chicken, peas, corn and potato mixture; remove from heat. Unroll one pie crust into each of two 9-inch pie plates. Add chicken mixture. Unroll remaining crusts; place over filling. Trim, seal, and flute edges. Cut slits in tops. Bake until crusts are lightly browned, 35-40 minutes. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. Freeze option: Cover and freeze unbaked potpies. To use, remove from the freezer 30 minutes before baking (do not thaw). Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place pies on a baking sheet; bake 30 minutes and reduce temperature to 350 degrees; bake 70-80 minutes. Makes 2 potpies 8 servings each



CLUES ACROSS

1. Calls balls and strikes

4. Turkish officer

9. Repaired shoe

14. Grass genus

15. Small, sealed vial

16. Primp

17. Immoral act

18. A tool to communicate

20. Crumbles away

22. Egg-like

23. Districts (abbr.)

24. Dressed

28. Small island (British)

29. Dialect of Chinese

30. Force unit

31. Borderlines

33. Norse gods

37. Morning

38. Fiddler crabs

39. Tell a story
41. Consumed

42. Atomic #58

43. About old Norse poems

44. Fencing swords

46. One-time Tigers third baseman

49. Southpaw (abbr.)

50. Neither

51. Conversations

55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation

58. Cyprinids

59. Appropriate to a festival

60. Pearl Jam frontman

64. Wrath

65. Italian city

66. A way to get there

67. A nose or snout

68. German seaport

69. A horse for riding

70. Airline representative (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Unhappy

2. Silk fabric

3. Unbroken view of a region

4. Middle Eastern territory

5. ___ and Andy, TV show

6. Central processing unit

7. Department of Housing and Urban Development

8. Midcentury newspaper columnist

9. Weapon

10. Delivered a speech

11. Probably going to happen

12. Midway between northeast and east

13. Danish krone

19. Synthetic resin (abbr.)

21. Fall slowly in drops

24. Bestow an honor upon

25. Childishly silly

26. Related on the mother's side

27. Populations of related plants
31. Coherent

32. Tribe of ancient Britons

34. Financial firm Goldman ___

35. Stephen King thriller

36. Went in again

40. Commercial

41. Poking holes in the ground

45. Prisoners of war

47. Pursued pleasure

48. "Seinfeld" character

52. Body of water

53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)

54. People who utilize

56. Nostrils

57. Inner mass of some fungi

59. Honor lavishly

60. Midway between east and southeast

61. Turn down

62. Small round mark

63. Expected at a certain time

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unvaccinated Delay Pandemic Recovery

To the Editor:
The pandemic and its devastating social, health and economic effects continue to delay a return to normal. For reasons of political fealty, some refuse to get vaccinated allowing the virus to mutate and evolve. To those refusing, I ask some questions:

You are refusing a miracle vaccine, available free of charge, locally delivered and proven to be highly effective with few side effects. Isn't being vaccinated the common sense and smart thing for you to do?

There are, in a civil society, expectations that we will respect each other and accept the boundaries for right and wrong. This social code separates us from the rule of the mob. We cover our sneezes and coughs and perform other acts because they are the decent thing to do. Isn't getting a vaccination in the face of a killing pandemic a considerate, decent and socially responsible thing to do?

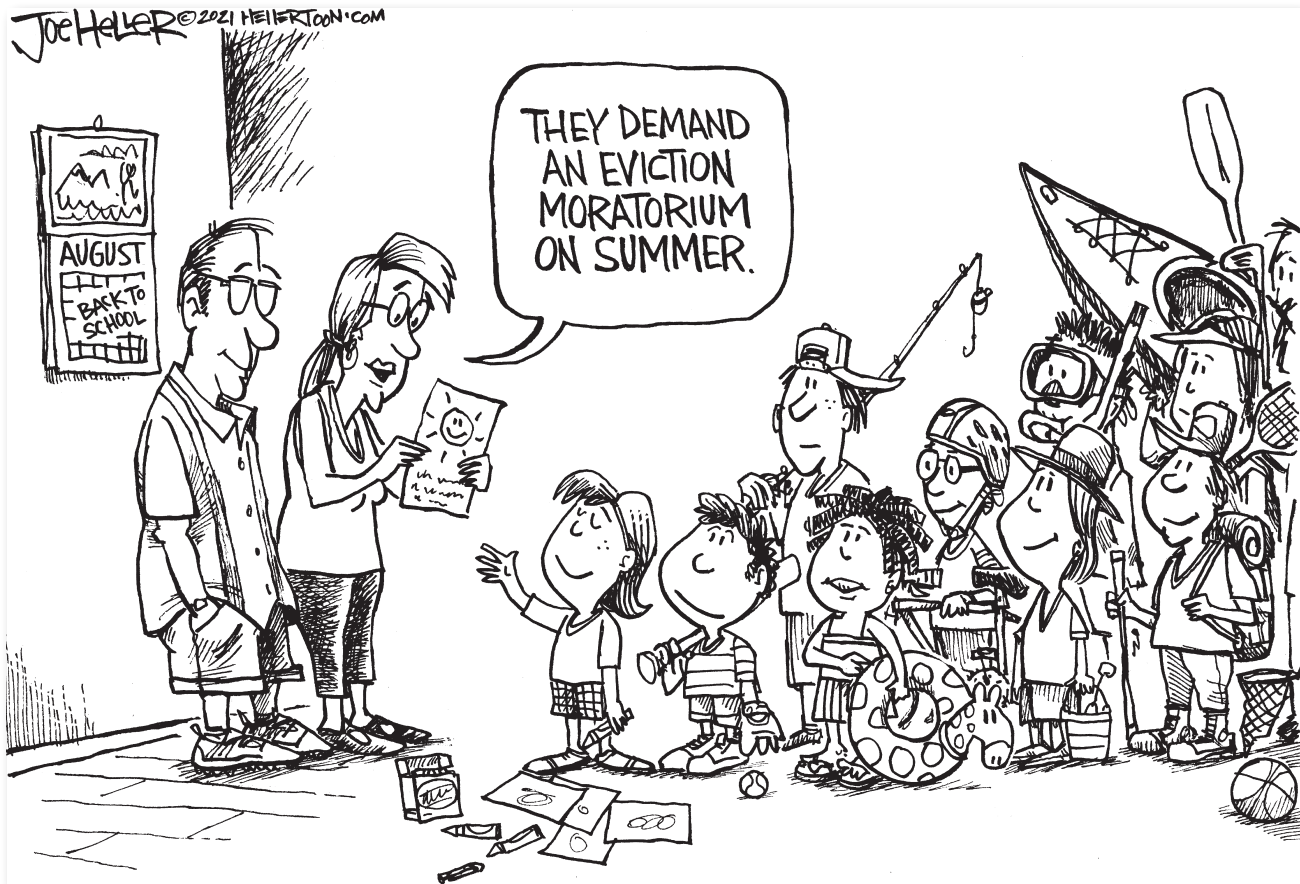
Patriotism's core and fundamental principle is individual sacrifice for the common good. It requires action beyond the symbolic and performative displays of patriotism i.e. flying the flag, standing for the anthem, pledging our allegiance, etc. Patriotism commands acts/deeds of sacrifice that places country ahead of personal or political gains. Isn't your act of personal selfishness and blind adherence to political demagoguery harming the country? Isn't getting vaccinated a patriotic and American thing to do?

If religions share a common foundational requirement it is to love thy God and your neighbor. They command, in various forms, adherence to the Golden Rule. By choosing to submit others to a life threatening virus aren't you rejecting basic moral teaching?

Living in America doesn't guarantee complete liberty from governmental mandates. When you drive to a restaurant you comply with dozens of government restrictions (speed limit, seat belts, right side of road, etc.) and you enter the restaurant's door displaying signs prohibiting guns and requiring shirt and shoes. You meet people exiting to smoke outside for the safety of others and you accept these lost liberties. Democracies deny absolute liberty, just as they promise regulated freedoms. Should your freedom to be a walking bio hazard trump another person's right to health safety?

Why are you making a political decision on a question of medical health? The short answer is because you are believing lies. You live in a world where political propaganda, faux news and lies are broadcast as truth; facts and evidence are rejected and/or denied and science/scientists are questioned, ignored and devalued. Do you really believe democracy and freedom survive in such a world?

**Gary Germann
Sandstone, Minn.**



Advice for aging from a friend

A FEW WEEKS ago, Kathy and I were invited to a brewery in Woodbury to celebrate the life of Robert MacGregor Shaw. We got to know Bob and Virginia Shaw through the Minnesota Newspaper Association where he was manager. Having served on the board of directors of the association, we got to know them very well.



**About the
Town**
Gene
Johnson

Bob was born in 1922 in International Falls and died on January 6, 2021. His son Robert arranged the tribute to his father. Robert is currently a reporter for the Pioneer Press.

In his aging years, Bob wrote several books. The following is a summary from the "The Joys of Old Age."

"...old people will be called old people, not senior citizens. You will not encounter sugary phrases like "golden years," "glory road," or "silver" to describe old people. Nor will you find other euphe-

misms created by hucksters to sell hearing aids, cures for hair loss, or control of hemorrhoids. What you will find are reminders of the joy received from outwitting the Poltergeist (the dirty little demon who tampers with your memory) and stomping the wastebasket (both therapeutic and efficient!)"

Another book he wrote is the "Bachelor Slob in the Kitchen." Following are four points made in that humorous book:

- 1) Become independently wealthy. You'll save some money, but not very much.
- 2) Become young, vigorous, loving, public-spirited, and kind to dogs and little children.
- 3) Enjoy the pangs associated with the no-sweets-in-the-icebox rule and the no-booze-by-yourself rule.
- 4) Improve your table manners. They will deteriorate as you discover the joys of eating with your fingers, drinking from the bottle, and eating right out of the frying pan.

Bob loved newspapers, promoting freedom of the press and open meetings. He was a key part of the Minnesota Press Council in the 1970s which lasted about a decade. It was an opportunity for news-

paper readers and TV listeners to challenge information presented and get a fair hearing and response.

FROM THOMAS JEFFERSON, "If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed."

FOR THE BENEFIT of your community now and in the future, shop local, eat local, read local.

GOOD BOATING FRIENDS and neighbors at the Fort Myers marina are Ed and Benia Grygent. They are live-aboards originally from New Jersey. This past summer they traveled 8,500 miles by car visiting the Midwest and Western United States. In their 29 state visit they found farms and ranches in southern Illinois, Iowa and southern Minnesota were very clean and well-groomed. No signs of trash.

They noticed the cleanliness of areas beginning in western Pennsylvania. They observed the cars looked newer going west. They discovered that 95% of motorists drove reasonably and 5% were crazy. They averaged 51.2 miles per hour and their car provided 25.6

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

The Askov American encourages readers to share their viewpoints of community issues by writing letters to the editor. Publishing decisions are made on questions of free speech, good taste, public interest and public sensitivity.

The Askov American reserves the right to edit for accuracy, clarity,

libel, and civility and reserves the right not to publish a letter. Personal complaints or attacks, plagiarized material, religious treatises or submissions from organized letter-writing campaigns will not be published.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS
Letters must be submitted by 3 p.m.

Mondays to askovamerican@scicable.com or via mail to P.O. Box 275, Askov, MN 55704

- Letters to the editor must be 400 words or less.
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Veteran donates flagpole

Vietnam veteran, Peter “Mike” Wiggins donated a 30 foot flagpole to the Riverside Cemetery in Kerrick. He wanted to honor his father, a World War II veteran and his grandfather, a World War I veteran, as well as the other veterans laid to rest at the Riverside Cemetery.

WILLOW RIVER NEWS

If you are interested in going to the state fair but don't want to drive, check out the Minnesota State Fair Bus Trip fundraiser for the Willow River School. Sign up ASAP. The bus will leave Monday, August 30th for a full day of fun.

Willow River News
Kathi Bennett

See the website for more information or contact Melissa Johnson at the school. Also, check out the Willow River Area School Early Childhood Programs. They have programs for every age under five years. Contact Ms. Chas at the school at 218-372-3131 extension 169. The Ragnar Run will be the PTO's only fundraiser this year. They are encouraging people to volunteer. The event is happening the night of August 20 through the morning of August 21. For more information go to the school website. The Open House at the school will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The school is currently looking for more

bus/van drivers. If you are interested contact Nathan Berg at bus@isd577.org. There will be an 8th and 9th grade enrichment camp on August 16th through 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday. It is a week of fun activities to prepare for 8th and 9th grade. Call the school for more information. The school is also looking for a community education coordinator to help lead and grow the program.

At St. Mary's/ St. Isidore's Church: St. Mary's Church has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1 – 6 p.m. every Wednesday. The Legion of Mary meetings are held at St. Mary's Center every Monday at 6:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus pray the Rosary at St. Isidore's Church every fourth Sunday of each month before Mass. The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on August 29 at St. Isidore's Church with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 7 p.m. On Thursday, August 12, 2021 there will be a Catholic Charities meal distribution outside of St. Mary's Church from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

BRUNO/KERRICK NEWS



**Bruno/
Kerrick News**
Sylvia
Schweiger

Wednesday Derrell and Jean Jensen had friends from Arizona arrive on their motorcycle for a week long visit. Friday they all rode their motorcycles to Braham for Pie Day. Saturday evening Derrell and Jean attended the wedding reception for Austin and Amber Peterson. Mitch, Liz and Katie Clausen camped up near Orr from July

31-August 6. Genny and Jesse Swenson and boys stayed in a nearby cabin for the week. Jeanette and Neil Swenson as well as Nikki and Arnie Cekalla and girls came up until Wednesday. They all enjoyed fishing, corn hole, whiffle ball, and swimming. On Friday, Al and Sandy Hoiland went with Larry and Lu Hoiland to the Braham pie day. Sunday, Al and Sandy went to the

ice cream social at Vilstad Church was very nice.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

Fire destroys grandstand

100 YEARS AGO AUGUST 9, 1921

- Lightning struck the large barn of Wm. Ziegler west of Groningen which burned to the ground. The grainery, together with 200 bushes of oats and a hay and grain stack were also consumed by the flames.
- A.J. Warren has a large crew fixing up the community park in Kerrick and expects to have it in good shape by September 3 for the third annual fair.

75 YEARS AGO AUGUST 8, 1946

- Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wiggins of Nickerson received word of the arrival of a baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Goward (nee Lorraine Wiggins)
- Stockholders of the Security State Bank of Askov held a special meeting to increase capital stock from \$15,000 to \$25,000, this being necessary to qualify for Federal Deposit Insurance.
- An 8 lb. boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jorgensen of Bruno.
- The Pine County Salvation Army campaign is underway and is getting good response. This is the first drive in 25 years.
- Philip Howard was born

August 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jensen of Askov.

50 YEARS AGO AUGUST 12, 1971

- Private Alfred Hoiland , son of Mr. and Mrs. Carles Hoiland of Willow River recently arrived at Ft. Lewis, Washington to begin his basic training.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Anderson of Brooklyn Center are happy to announce the arrival of a baby girl born August 9. She has been named Tina Marie.
- Mr. and Raymond Storebo and Mrs. Harvey Anderson are the grandparents.
- Al Burroughs of Askov received his Master's Degree at Superior State University Friday night.
- Judy Ketchum was an honored guest at the Maurice Keyport home with a bridal shower. She received many nice gifts.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Van Guilder are happy for the birth of their baby boy, Ray Eugene, on August 4.

25 YEARS AGO AUGUST 8, 1996

- Fire destroyed the grandstands of the Pine County Fair on Saturday evening, August 3. No serious injuries.

- Paula Pogatchnik, daughter of Dean and Nancy Pogatchnik, attended and participated at the Blazer Elite Volleyball Camp at the College of St. Benedict.
- Donna Norgaard has moved back to Askov. She has moved into the former Emery and Valborg Nedegaard home.
- Kristin Norlund and Edwin Delaney have announced their engagement. Parents are Arlen and Doris Norlund of White Bear Lake and Delbert and Judy Delaney. A November 29, 1996 wedding has been set.

10 YEARS AGO AUGUST 4 , 2011

- Bruno and Kerrick Post Offices are among the list of 3,700 retail offices in the United States for possible closure. They will hold a study to determine customer needs.
- First National Bank of the North has now merged with Northview Bank effective July 27.
- Linda Phillips of Finlayson joins WDSE host Julie Kellner for “R” is for Rhubarb. Linda shared her “Very Good Rhubarb Jelly” recipe.

GPS raises blood pressure on way to clinic

Dear Tante Ingeborg,

Last Thursday I had a doctor's appointment in the cities. I never worry about getting lost down there because I have GPS on my new cell phone. It used to be a nightmare but now I just enter the address or building into the app and press start. Everything was fine until I got down to Minneapolis then things went to hell in a hand basket. I listened and followed but nothing looked familiar. When that voice said “your destination is on the left” I yelled “no it's not” and pulled over to the curb. I then activated Siri and told her to find the address. First she tried to direct me to a Chinese restaurant in South St. Paul. Then it was a car dealership in South Dakota. After that it was an auto body shop

in Fridley. By this time I was screaming at Siri and a half hour late for my appointment. I called the office and had the receptionist reschedule me, then came home. I stopped north of the cities and found a fast food place where I had a bacon double cheeseburger, fries and a large root beer float. I forgot completely that I was supposed to be getting my cholesterol and blood pressure checked. Sweating like some hussy who was caught by the queen of England playing knuckle bones with the Duke of Wales, I continued home.

I'm almost afraid to go down for my rescheduled appointment. Do you think I need to upgrade my cellular phone?

Signed Asta on Brogade Alle

Dear Asta,

You might not need a new phone but have you thought about finding a clinic closer to home? Surely you don't need to go all the way to the cities to have your cholesterol and blood

pressure monitored. I'm not suggesting that you let anyone who hasn't been in your shoes tell you how to tie your laces, but we do have clinics closer to home that have the most up to date blood pressure cuffs.

It just so happens that last Thursday the planet was enveloped in smoke and pollution that even caused the International Space Station to lose contact with us. There was also a problem with a Russian spaceship attempting to attach itself. It fired its jets and caused a slight drifting off course. The problems were resolved and contact was reestablished.

Maybe your GPS was also affected by this situation. But whatever the cause, I think going forward you should be ok. Just remember to double check your app before you press start.

Happy trails to you, and remember, Tante Ingeborg cares....but not so much.

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**BIRCH CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Please be advised that the regular board meeting of the Birch Creek Town Board will take place at 7:00 p.m. On Thursday August 19,2020. Meeting will be held at the Birch Creek Town Hall in Denham, MN. All residents are welcome to attend.
Marissa Rayburn
Clerk, Birch Creek Township
Published in the Askov American on August 12, 19, 2021

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 20, 2004
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,720.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Chad T. LeMay and Lori J. LeMay, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: January 04, 2005 Pine County Recorder Document Number: 440136

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc.
Dated: May 20, 2006
Recorded: June 30, 2006 Pine County Recorder
Document Number: A 456310
And assigned to: U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust
Dated: September 23, 2013
Recorded: November 04, 2013 Pine County Recorder
Document Number: A511494
And assigned to: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2020-RPL2 Trust
Dated: May 11, 2021
Recorded: May 24, 2021 Pine County Recorder
Document Number: A561688
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100077910003217110
Lender or Broker: Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Pine
Property Address: 10696 Pine Bough Rd, Pine City, MN 55063-4599
Tax Parcel ID Number: 29.0019.001
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The West 290 feet of the North 982 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 38, Range 22, Pine

County, MN
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$151,665.67
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 635 Northridge Drive NW
Pine City, MN 55063
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.
If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 30, 2022, or the next business day if March 30, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT

A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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DATED: August 06, 2021
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Before this place
became a space
for people to be living,
a wilderness
existed here-
A vast land unforgiving.

But now the land
was made quite clear
so folks could rest in
clover.

Tall trees grew here
with bear and deer,
and lumberjacks arrived.
They cleared the land
and shipped the wood,
but some tall trees sur-
vived.

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to fell the trees,
the land was covered over.



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- Guest testimonies
- Water baptisms
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10 am: Welcome
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3 pm to dusk: Dr. Charles Karuku

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10am-noon
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from Mora

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